

AMENDMENTS

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or version thereof:

1-58. (Canceled)

59. (Presently amended) A method of modulating muscle cell growth in a human subject comprising:

- (a) identifying a human subject in need of muscle cell growth modulation;
- (b) selecting a small molecule modulator of MCIP1 expression; and
- (~~b~~c) administering said modulator as a first pharmaceutical agent to said human subject,

whereby administration of said modulator results in modulation of muscle cell growth in said human subject.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59, wherein said small molecule modulator is an agonist of muscle cell growth.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59, wherein said small molecule is an antagonist of muscle cell growth.

63-69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59, further comprising administering to said human subject a second pharmaceutical agent used to treat cardiac disease.

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71-101. (Canceled)